GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are receiving just three percent dividend on the investment made by it in statutory corporations, Government companies, other joint stock companies, cooperative banks, cooperative societies, international bodies etc.;

(b) if so, the quantum of investment the Government made in the above stated companies/institutions as on March, 2001;

(c) the total dividend received by the Government on those investments during the last three years;

(d) the details of PSUs etc. who are not paying dividend; and

(e) the measures taken by the Government to get rid of loss making companies?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

(a)&(b): Government investment in statutory corporations, Government companies, joint stock companies, cooperative banks, cooperative societies, international bodies, etc. as on 31-3-2000 was Rs.94904 crore approximately. The dividend earned by the Government on such investment was about 5.3%.

(c) The dividend received by the Government in last three years is as under:

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1997-98   Rs.2655 crore
1998-99   Rs.3405 crore
1999-2000   Rs.5052 crore
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(a) As per Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (Commercial - PSUs) for the year ending March, 2000, 180 PSUs did not declare dividend in the year 1999-2000.

(b) Government`s general policy towards public sector is to restructure and revive potentially viable PSUs and close down PSUs which cannot be revived. While doing so, Government`s endeavor is to fully protect the interest of the workers.